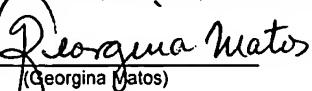


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. This amendment and Request for Continued Examination is in response to the final Office Action dated December 8, 2004 (Paper No. 110304), for which a response was due on March 8, 2005. Submitted herewith is a request for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the date for which a response is due to June 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.